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OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

AUDITORS,

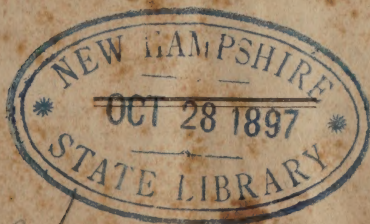
AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY, 1864.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN REPORT.

Hannah Batchelder, as a present from Town,	\$50 00
J. M. Campbell, printing Town Reports,	25 00
George H. Clark, services as Selectman after counting day	18 50
W. B. Whittemore, cash pd. for blank book and express,	1 88
James Chase, int. on state aid note,	3 62
C. A. Harndon, " "	1 71
M. W. Fuller, " "	3 23
Edgar Hazen, " "	1 72
A. B. & C. Kimball, boarding Selectmen and horse-keep- ing in 1863,	10 75
David Starrett, cash paid for boarding town officers,	6 00
S. N. Bell, for legal advice,	10 00
Simeon Dunbar, wood and tending fires at town meetings,	2 00
N. P. Green & Co., invoice books and stationery,	8 95
John Hall, abatement of tax on Dog,	1 00
Wm. Gammell, " " "	1 00
T. J. Murdough, repairing county road,	8 00
E. W. Codman, abatement of over tax in 1863,	4 68
Ruth C. Bennett, " " " "	26
Edgar Hazen, amount endorsed on note against town,	100 00
J. H. & C. A. Gould, building stone bridges near Elijah Reed's and David Fuller's,	100 00
Lewis Vickory, stringers, plank and repairing Dunfield bridge,	21 47
Mason H. Carr, plank for Killom and Lincoln bridges,	12 40
Albert Richardson, repairing Codman bridge,	3 15

D. Starrett, lumber and repairing Fuller bridge,	7 65
Amos Kimball, lumber and railing for highway near Hildreth's mill,	6 75
J. S. Gleason, railings for Gleason bridge,	4 46
N. Woods, " and labor on Beard road	28 87
S. N. Sawyer, " " "	8 33
" " repairing highway and bridge near Holt's brick yard,	10 43
Cornelius Ccolidge, services and cash paid out as com. to aid families of volunteers in 1862 and 1863,	49 13
Horace Eaton, do.,	15 47
Edgar Hazen, notes and interest against town,	319 83
David Starrett, railings and labor on highway near D. Fuller's,	21 35
David Starrett, repairing turnpike near Antrim line.	18 38
" " repairing turnpike near J. A. Senter's	5 25
Moses Davis, " highway " John Lincoln's,	3 30
H. J. Burnham, " " Windsor line,	2 62
S. Perkins, " " on Sulphur Hill,	14 82
J. M. Wilkins, " " near A. H. Griffin's,	3 50
David Starrett, " county road,	18 24
" " labor and plank on Kimball bridge,	1 50
O. F. Nelson, cash paid for insurance,	6 86
" " cash paid on sundry accounts, recording births, deaths, marriages and drawing jurors,	17 88
John G. Dickey, plank for bridges in 1862,	3 90
David Starrett, cutting bushes on turnpike,	2 00
B. Priest, iron for railing highway and sharpening drills,	4 90
C. A. Priest, powder and fuse for highway,	50
D. Whitcomb, work on highway near Henniker line,	2 00
Nathaniel Wood, " " in district No. 20,	5 00
H. J. Burnham, " " " 13,	1 40
J. H. Fisher, " " " "	5 15
Thomas Wilson, abatement of taxes, 1861,	4 07
" " " " 1863,	31 64
" " " of non-resident highway taxes worked out in 1863,	12 27
" " services as collector in 1863,	30 00
C. D. Robbins, supporting watering trough in 1863,	3 00
Wm. Gammell, do do do	1 00
S. N. Sawyer, do do do	1 00
S. D. Wyman, do do do	1 50
Geo. H. Clark, do do do	1 00
Thomas Wilson, do do do	1 50

J. Q. A. French, services as supt. school committee,	21	22
A. C. Burnham, do do	17	65
C. A. Priest do do	16	00
O. F. Nelson, cash paid on sundry notes, endorsements and interest on notes,	7960	40
" " cash paid on notes and interest,	2108	39
David Starrett, interest on money borrowed at Frances- town Bank,	5	50
Horace Eaton, services and cash paid out as Selectman in 1863-4,	105	11
Cornelius Coolidge, do do	91	99
David Starrett, do do	66	93
O. F. Nelson, services as Town Clerk and Treasurer	45	00
O. P. Greenleaf & Co., boarding town officers and horse keeping,	6	00
J. B. Ellinwood, do do	9	75
Horace Eaton, cash paid for stationery, revenue stamps, boarding Selectmen and horse keeping,	25	02
W. B. Whittemore, cash paid Town Auditors,	9	36

Total amount of miscellaneous town orders, \$11,552 11

BREAKING ROAD ORDEKS,

For the winter of 1862-3.

Dist. No.		Dist. No.	
1. John Murdough,	2 80	16. Moses Davis,	14 33
5. David B. Gould,	2 00	18. Isaac N. Currier,	1 70
7. Hiram McColley,	3 40	20. Nathaniel Woods,	2 70
8. John Hall,	12 50	23. Langdon F. Gay,	5 10
9. B. Gibson,	2 60	26. R. T. Noyes,	1 20
10. Jotham Moore,	2 70	33. Frank C. Robbins,	3 40
11. Erastus Wilson,	5 40	35. Eli Carter,	3 10
13. H. J. Burnham,	12 87	38. Elijah Kimball,	5 60
14. Lewis Vickory,	14 20		
15. S. B. Chase,	6 55		

\$101 45

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Dist. No.		Dist. No.	
1. E. Dutton,	203 00	12. C. W. Sturtevant,	55 70
2. John Murdoguh,	50 06	13. Alden Newman,	53 32
3. William Merrill,	53 20	14. Carlos Nelson,	44 86
4. Lyman Dow,	61 15	15. Eli Carter,	61 67
5. G. G. Richardson,	58 10	16. D. F. Murdough,	43 77
6. S. A. Brown,	95 66	17. E. Barker,	90 62
7. Simon Perkins,	46 64	18. Jeremiah Dutton,	49 49
8. J. H. Fisher,	62 57	19. J. A. V. Smith,	20 28

9. John W. Bickford,	61 30	
10. John Cooledge,	61 96	\$1241 92
11. W. E. Gay,	68 57	

The amount required to be raised by law for the support of common schools, is 1120 00

The amount received from literary fund is 121 92

Total, \$1241 92

BOUNTY ORDERS.

To drafted men from the town of Hillsborough, who were examined, accepted and furnished substitutes, for the service of the United States, under the call of the President, dated July 3rd. 1863 :

John A. Hall,	300 00	B. E. Shedd,	300 00
H. J. Burnham,	200 00	J. F. Boynton,	800 00
Joel Temple,	300 00	G. A. Nichols,	300 00
J. P. Gibson,	300 00	G. Crooker,	300 00
D. W. Johnson,	300 00	J. W. Bickford,	300 00
William Temple,	300 00	B. Carter,	300 00
Eben Jones, jr.,	300 00	P. C. Kimball,	300 00
M. J. Spaulding,	300 00		
M. C. Barker,	300 00	Total.	5100 00
Horace Marcy,	300 00		

To volunteers to fill the quota of the town under the call of the President, dated October 17th, 1863 :

To the Selectmen, for cash advanced for twenty-four volunteers, at \$450 00 each, as per agreement with John Lindsay, David Perkins and Nat Perkins, and as per certificates of the Provost Marshal of the 2nd dist of New Hampshire. \$10,800 00

The above transaction was performed before the sanction of the town could be obtained, but was strictly in accordance with the published official orders of the government, both State and National ; whereby we received an allotment and assignment of the several bounties due the men furnished as volunteers, amounting to the sum of \$402 00 each. As will be seen by the Auditor's report, we have received the sum of \$100 each, amounting to \$2 00, being the full amount of bounty due from the State. The first installment of bounty from the general government of \$62 each, has been due nearly three months, the delay of which is not accounted for. Besides the above, the general government was to pay to recruiting officers \$15 for each man mustered into the service of the United States. We recruited our own men, and have paid into the town treasury the fees received. The fee for

one recruit, furnished and mustered into service, was withheld upon the ground that he had since been transferred to the U. S. navy, which, we submit, was unjust.

OUTSTANDING DEBTS

Against the Town February 17th, 1864, for which Town notes are held, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, are as follows :

W. J. Templeton,	\$150 00	Henry McClure,	300 00
James Baldwin,	200 00	Daniel Smith,	100 00
George D. Goodell,	500 00	Edward F. Noyes,	91 50
Aaron Barnes,	100 00	Mary E. Tuttle,	100 00
George F. Reed,	100 00	Sewell Preston,	625 00
Charles D. Hoyt,	150 00	Henry B. Swett,	100 00
James D. Bickford,	200 00	Candler Boutwell,	250 00
Elias Smith,	300 00	William M. Conn,	150 00
Judson A. Senter,	100 00	Alice Griffin,	200 00
David Davis,	100 00	Artemus Brown,	500 00
David Starrett,	200 00	Isaac M. Tuttle,	200 00
Mary D. Towne,	100 00	John Gerry,	300 00
James F. Grimes,	500 00	George H. Clark,	260 00
Cyrus Cooledge,	125 00	Levi Shedd,	300 00
Foster Jones,	100 00	Jane N. Jones,	30 00
Edward F. Noyes,	150 00	Levi F. Wilson,	100 00
Cyrus F. Noyes,	150 00	Charles E. McColley,	350 00
James Forsaith,	230 00	Francis N. Blood,	325 00
Elias Smith,	165 00	Isaac M. Tuttle,	100 00
Rachael Gibson,	500 00	David Fuller,	2000 00
Lucy Smith,	50 00	Elmira Mann,	70 00
Eliza A. Moore,	500 00	Eben Jones,	100 00
Lucy Smith,	300 00	Aaron Barnes,	106 00
Enoch Sawyer,	600 00	James Chase, (Deering)	100 00
Alden P. Farrar,	150 00	Ira S. Appleton,	200 00
Naoma Childs,	115 00	Milton McCoy,	100 00
Elias Smith,	150 00	James Baldwin,	100 00
Joseph Livermore,	100 00	Franklin Gray,	200 00
Francis F. Noyes,	20 00	Charles H. Wiley,	150 00
Hannah Batchelder,	50 00	Hiram Monroe,	100 00
Amos Colby,	100 00	William Booth,	300 00
Abel C. Burnham,	300 00	Franklin Gray,	200 00
Clarissa Stowe,	260 00	John Smith,	70 00
Emeline Cotter,	75 00	Betsy Shedd,	150 00
John A. Hall,	370 00	Margaret J. Tuttle,	100 00
Eben Towne,	300 00	Adeline Cooledge,	150 00
Francis N. Blood,	257 00	Elias Smith,	100 00
Diana Abbott,	100 00	Milton McCoy,	200 00
Charles W. Conn,	200 00	Levi Shedd,	100 00
Jonathan Danforth,	150 00	Thomas N. Goodale,	200 00
Louisa Robertson,	125 00	L. Goodale, adm'r of the	
W. Conn,	25 00	estate of Lucy Smith,	530 00
			150 00

Jeremiah Hills,	300 00	John M. Curtis,	150 00
Achsah Gammell,	100 00	Levi Goodale,	100 00
Eben Jones, jr.,	350 00	George H. Clark,	150 00
Sarah A. Starrett,	107 00	Elijah Reed,	200 00
David Kimball,	300 00	William Wallace,	100 00
Caleb Clark,	350 00	Joseph Livermore,	100 00
Cynthia Pike,	625 00		

The outstanding notes against the town amount to \$21,309 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer, 64 26

Leaving the town in debt, 21,245 24

This year, as last, the transactions in relation to "State aid," have been kept distinct from ordinary town affairs. The amount paid to the families of volunteers from June 1st, 1862, to May 1st, 1863, was \$1654.00, every cent of which has been collected from the State. The town being in need of funds at the time, \$1600 of this amount was paid into the treasury, the notes for which are recorded in this report and, of course, are reckoned in the foregoing indebtedness of the town. Since May 1st, 1863, we have paid to the families of volunteers some \$1200, which is not included in the above report

All of which is respectfully submitted,

HORACE EATON,

CORNELIUS COOLEGE,

DAVID STARRETT,

Hillsborough, Feb. 20, 1864.

} Selectmen
of
Hillsborough,

OVERSEERS OF POOR'S REPORT.

POOR ORDERS.

Stephen S. Mixer, support of Benjamin Mixer,	\$25 72
City of Manchester, support of Mrs. Conner and child,	45 44
Town of Henniker, support of Lucy J. Hoyt,	12 82
Town of Peterborough, support of Rines' children,	39 00
Abram Cooleage, services on Poor Farm 1862-3,	200 00
William Robbins, digging grave for R. Wilkins,	2 50
Jonathan Severance, boarding and clothing Mrs. P. Rollins one year,	26 00
Horace Eaton, cash paid for the support and burial of Harry Barnes,	18 27

Stephen S. Mixer, support of B. Mixer,	17	42
Isaac Richardson, wood for J. Holden,	4	50
Dr. J. Goodell, professional services,	32	16
David Starrett, cash paid for nursing Justin Holden,	12	00
Wm. Robbins, digging grave for J. Holden,	2	50
B. H. Gay, wood for J. Holden,	3	20
Abram Cooledge, in part for services on Poor Farm, '63,	50	00
O. F. Nelson, cash paid Insane Asylum for the support of Mrs. Ruth Nichols,	129	02
House of Reformation, support of George Eayers,	5	00
Abram Cooledge, in part for services on Poor Farm, '63,	100	00
George E. Small, coffin for J. Holden,	5	00
George H. Clark, one ox yoke,	3	00
Elisha Hatch, medical attendance on J. Holden and R. Wilkins,	14	25
Daniel Wyman, one pair oxen for Farm,	122	00
O. F. Nelson, cash paid for Rodney Wilkins,	16	50
Horace Eaton, services and cash paid out as Overseer of Poor,	11	14
Cornelius Cooledge, do do	17	07
David Starrett, do do	16	15
Total,	\$931	26

Account of Stock on hand at Poor Farm, February 10, 1864 :

4 oxen,	\$260 00	Let rye, do	1 75
6 cows,	160 00	50 lbs. dried apples,	4 00
12 3 years old,	370 00	1 1-1 bush. salt,	1 25
4 2 do	72 00	73 pounds tallow,	9 12
5 yearlings,	45 00	12 do candles,	2 00
20 sheep,	80 00	85 do lard,	11 90
3 pigs,	22 00	5 gallons-boiled cider,	1 25
23 chickens,	6 90	4 do apple sauce,	80
24 1-2 tons English hay,	318 50	2 do pickles,	33
14 do meadow do	98 00	4 1-2 bbls. soap,	20 25
1 1 2 do straw,	9 00	5 doz. eggs,	1 10
55 bushels corn,	82 50	2-3 bbl. flour,	5 00
25 do oats,	18 75	1 lb. tea,	1 00
6 do barley,	6 00	1-2 gal. molasses,	28
2 do rye,	3 50	3 pounds sugar,	41
5 1/2 do beans,	14 00	1 do tobacco,	60
3-4 do peas,	75 7	do yarn,	8 75
80 do potatoes,	36 00	15 yards cotton cloth,	6 00
1 barrel apples,	1 00	10 do frocking,	10 00
370 pounds beef,	25 90	2 1/2 do flannel,	1 87
210 do ham,	21 00	9 do wool cloth,	9 00
365 do pork,	40 15	4 pairs socks,	2 40
35 do butter,	18 75	2 m. shingles,	4 50

140 do cheese,	16 80	2 drag plank.	75
6 gals. vinegar,	1 00	2 lbs hops,	25
2 barrels cider,	4 00	Lot leather,	1 50
37 pounds sausages,	4 44		
28 do poultry,	3 50	Total,	\$1840 00
3 bushels meal,	4 50		

Abram Cooledge's Cash Account at the Poor Farm for the year ending February 10, 1864. To amount received on account of Farm, for—

13 cattle sold,	\$601 00	1 1-2 bbls. soap,	6 65
7 sheep,	20 00	258 lbs. hides,	23 22
7 lambs,	19 25	1 calf skin,	1 50
Boot on cattle,	5 00	33 pounds wool,	21 45
1 calf,	6 00	3 4 do yarn,	96
Boarding Hannah Hackett,	52 00	28 pairs socks,	12 96
347 3-4 lbs. cheese,	35 35	11 do ladies' stockings,	7 30
389 1-2 do butter,	83 08	26 1-2 lbs. tallow,	3 43
107 doz. eggs,	15 16	2 wash tubs,	2 33
2 bush. beans,	6 00	Lot cider apples,	9 31
2 do hen manure,	50	Boarding strangers,	1 23
Lot rags,	63	Working out,	5 83
Old brass,	1 17		
Old iron,	33	Total,	\$941 64

By amount paid on account of Farm, for

7 cattle,	274 00	A. Mack's do	2 05
1 calf,	1 00	Meat bill,	6 77
3 pigs,	6 00	Shoemaking,	3 05
Keeping sheep,	12 00	Butchering,	50
Threshing grain,	5 15	2 barrels for soap,	66
Carding wool,	1 11	1 1-2 bush. salt,	1 28
6 butter tubs,	2 28	1 lb pepper,	32
Vegetables,	1 36	8 yards calico,	1 78
Seed corn,	32	Shearing sheep,	1 00
2 bags meal,	4 00	1 scythe,	83
6 bush. rye,	7 49	Medicine,	34
1 do barley,	1 00	Lime,	77
George Farrar's bill,	7 75	Snuff and tobacco,	62
Obed Kimball's do	4 12	Nails,	25
James Newman's do	7 73	1 saw horse,	12
R. D. Bruce's do	3 26	1 whip,	20
J. S. Butler's do	50 48	W. P. Cooledge, work haying	21 87
G. A. Priest's do	91 47	George H. Clark, do	20 00
J. Q. A. French's do	7 00	Other extra work on Farm,	13 50
John Cooledge's do	1 00	Paid Town Treasurer,	320 00
S. E. Jones' do	2 97	do Treasurer to balance,	31 07
B. Priest's do	9 12		
L. Morse & Co.'s do	11 98	Total,	\$941 64
E. Burnham's do	2 07		

RECAPITULATION OF POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

Hillsborough Poor Farm, to the Town of Hillsborough, DR.
Feb. 11, 1864.

Amount of stock on hand last year,	\$1761 04	
Services of Agent to March 28, 1864,	300 00	
Amount paid by Agent on account of Farm,	590 57	
Order to Daniel Wyman, 1 pair oxen,	122 00	
do George H. Clark, 1 ox yoke,	3 00	
	————	\$2776 61

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By amount of stock on hand this year,	1840 00	
do received on account of farm this year,	941 64	
	————	\$2781 64

Leaving a balance in favor of farm of 5 03

HORACE EATON,	} Overseers of
CORNELIUS COOLEGE,	
DAVID STARRETT,	

the Poor in
Hillsborough.

Hillsborough, Feb. 20, 1864.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned having been chosen Auditors of Town accounts at the last annal town meeting, have attended to that duty, and hereby make the following report :

Am't in hands of Treasurer last counting day,	52 65
Amount of Town and School tax,	4347 66
Borrowed of Amos Colby,	100 00
Abel C. Burnham,	300 00
Emeline Cotter,	75 00
John A. Hall,	370 00
Eben Towne,	300 00
Abram Cooleage,	32 00
Clarissa Stowe,	260 00
Francis N. Blood,	257 00
Stillman Eaton,	30 00
Diana Abbott,	100 00
Charles W. Conn,	200 00
do do,	25 00
Jonathan Danforth,	150 00
Louisa Robertson,	125 00
Alden P. Farrar,	100 00
Jeremiah Hills,	300 00
Achsah Gammell,	100 00
Eben Jones, jr.,	350 00
David Starrett,	100 00
Franklin Gray,	200 00
Hiram Monroe,	100 00
William Booth,	300 00
John Smith,	70 00
Betsey Shed,	150 00
Margarett J. Tuttle,	100 00
David Starrett,	700 00
Thomas N. Goodale,	200 00
Edgar Hazen,	100 00
Valley Bank,	2000 00
Charles Train,	250 00
Joseph H. Newman,	100 00
Albert G. Burnham,	100 00
Cornelius Cooleage,	200 00
Francestown Bank,	1000 00
Asaph Wilson,	70 00
Stillman Eaton,	40 00
Wm. B. French & Co.,	500 00
Joseph Livermore,	100 00

Sarah A. Starrett,	107 00	Elias Smith,	100 00
David Kimball,	300 00	M. McCoy,	200 00
Caleb Clark,	350 00	Levi Shedd,	100 00
Cynthia Pike,	625 00	Adeline Cooledge,	150 00
Henry McClure,	300 00	Thomas N. Goodale,	200 00
Daniel Smith,	100 00	John M. Curtis,	150 00
Edward F. Noyes,	91 50	Adeline Cooledge,	150 00
Mary E. Tuttle,	100 00	Levi Goodale,	100 00
Sewell Preston,	625 00	George H. Clark,	150 00
John S. Shedd,	450 00	Elijah Reed,	200 00
Edmund Sawyer,	200 00	William Wallace,	100 00
Henry B. Swett,	100 00	Levi Goodale, adm'r of the	
Chandler Boutwell,	250 00	estate of Lucy Smith,	530 00
William M. Conn,	150 00	Received of—	
Artemus Brown,	500 00	C. Cooledge for oxen sold	
Alice Griffin,	200 00	from Poor Farm,	120 00
Isaac M. Tuttle,	100 00	Horace Eaton, from Mrs.	
David Fuller,	2000 00	N. Kimball, it being	
John A. V. Smith,	100 00	money paid W. H. Hub-	
John Gerry,	300 00	bard by the town in 1856	
Nathaniel Taylor,	75 00	for her support,	21 00
George H. Clark,	260 00	Horace Eaton, State boun-	
Levi Shedd,	300 00	ty for 24 volunteers fur-	
Jane N. Jones,	30 00	nished by the town to	
Levi F. Wilson,	100 00	fill quota,	2400 00
Charles E. McColley,	350 00	Horace Eaton, fees for re-	
Francis N. Blood,	325 00	cruiting volunteers,	345 00
Isaac M. Tuttle,	200 00	F. N. Blood, literary fund,	121 92
Elmira Mann,	70 00	H. Eaton, circus license,	30 00
Eben Jones,	100 00	A. Cooledge, cattle sold	
Aaron Barnes,	106 00	from Poor Farm,	200 00
James Chase (Deering),	100 00	T. Wilson, balance of tax,	19 20
Ira S. Appleton,	200 00	Horace Eaton, R. R. tax,	49 00
James Baldwin,	100 00	A. Cooledge, articles sold	
Milton McCoy,	100 00	from Poor Farm,	31 07
William Conn,	355 00		
Franklin Gray,	200 00	Total,	\$29,791 00
Charles H. Wiley,	150 00		

Being the whole amount received into the Treasury, which has been accounted for by orders from the Selectmen, as follows:

Amount of miscellaneous Town orders,	11,552 11
Breaking road orders,	101 45
School orders,	1241 92
Bounty orders to drafted men,	5100 00
do do to volunteers to fill	
quota of town,	10,800 00
	<hr/> \$29,726 74
Leaving in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$64 26

The amount of business transacted by the Selectmen and the accuracy with which it has been performed, we think, requires more than a passing notice, they have been required to raise and disburse some thirty thousand dollars, with an amount of labor and anxiety, few can realize, having never had the experience, and all perfectly correct and to the satisfaction of the Auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. B. WHITTEMORE,	}	Aud.tors.
EDGAR HAZEN,		
NATHAN KENDALL,		

Hillsborough, Feb. 17, 1864.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In reporting the progress and condition of your schools the past year, your Committee would remark that the teachers labored to do well, but they brought to their task different attainments in knowledge and experience, and they obtained different results. Some of the schools were deficient in order, and without this "first law," little can be done towards advancing the pupils in mental attainments.

System, industry, discretion and perseverance, are essential to success in every department of business. The failures in life are traceable to the want of one or all of these elements. The success of the teacher depends on the mingling and co-operation of these elements in both teacher and pupils. The teacher must be competent, apt, patient and industrious; the pupils must be regular, orderly and teachable. And there is another influence of great power that comes in here—that of parent or guardian over the pupil. It is in their power to exert a mighty influence for good or evil; to materially aid or completely counteract the labors of the best of teachers.

We should have a perfect sympathy, and union of purpose and action between parents and teachers, in order to develop all of the resources and give us the full benefit of our common school system.

In regard to school government, if parents would second the efforts of the teacher in maintaining order, we would find less cause for complaint. If they would put in practice the regulation adopted by our forefathers "if you get whipped at school, we will whip you again when you get home," though severe, it would be much better than the present practice of siding with the scholar, thereby inciting him to new deeds of mischief and rebellion. The truth is, parents are greatly in fault in this matter;

they do not as promptly as they ought, sustain the teacher in his attempt to enforce a good wholesome discipline. Too often perhaps, there is no discipline or government at home, and of course ought not to expect any in the school room. Those who have never learned to submit to a parent's authority, will be restive under that of a teacher.

"Train up a child in the way he should go," while he is under parental guidance; and when he is transferred to the guidance of another, it will be quite natural for him to go on in the good way he was trained.

Prudential Committees in four districts have been quite remiss in their duties the past year. Three have failed to notify us at all either of the commencement or close of the schools, and the fourth notified us at the close of the Winter Term. Now, if district agents will please refer to the laws (R. S. ch. 70, C. S. ch. 74,) enacted particularly for their guidance, and comply with them, they will save the Superintending Committee from a great amount of unjust censure; we are willing to bear all the responsibilities naturally belonging to the office of Superintendents of Schools; but at the same time we solemnly protest against this wholesale packing of all short-comings of *Prudential Committees* on our backs. Again, we would call their attention to another feature of the law, which they have, either through ignorance or neglect, totally disregarded, i. e.: "It shall be the duty of every teacher of a public school to make, at the close thereof, a report to the Superintending Committee of the town, of the number of scholars, male and female, that have attended, the branches of learning taught and the progress made. And no teacher shall be entitled to any pay for his services until this provision has been complied with." There was a non-compliance with this provision in every instance—not one dollar of your school money was legally drawn the past year. It is the duty of Prudential Committees to look after this, and if they would *do* their duty, it would save the Committee much trouble and the town some expense.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer Term of this school was taught by Mr. S. F. Smart of Concord, and Miss A. C. Barber of Alstead. The school was short, and in many respects a good one. But the excellence in the upper room consisted rather in awakening thought in the minds of the pupils and infusing something of a new life in the school. We might question the practical utility of some of the exercises. It is a question whether too much time was not given to singing and other exercises besides the ordinary school duties. We might question the benefit of so much talking, and especially bantering on the part of the teacher, as we noticed in the upper room. Yet, we are inclined, on the whole, to consider the term a success.

In the lower room, the teacher succeeded in winning the love of the pupils, and securing the confidence of the parents. So far as we could judge, she kept an excellent school. B.

The Winter Term was taught by Misses Barber and Temple. These schools, at the commencement, appeared well and gave flattering evidence of their future prosperity, but owing to a remiss of duty on the part of the Prudential Committee, we were not informed when the schools would close, consequently we did not visit them but once, and therefore have no means of judging of the improvement made. B.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The Summer and Winter terms—taught by the same teacher—Miss Mary F. Butler of Hillsborough. Miss Butler is one of our best teachers, a good disciplinarian, industrious and thorough in her teaching.—To have her usefulness as a teacher more fully known, it is only necessary that she should be employed in a larger school. The order was without a fault and the improvement good. B.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The Summer Term was taught by Miss Emma F. Marcy of Hillsborough. Miss Marcy justly ranks with our first class teachers, energetic, industrious and thorough in her teaching. We were much pleased with the thorough manner in which each branch was taught—each scholar was obliged to have a perfect lesson, and each one from the oldest to the youngest gave evidence that they comprehended what they were doing. The order was good, and under such circumstances we need not say the improvement was satisfactory. B.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Mr. Wm. Colby of Henniker. Mr. Colby is one of our best teachers, active, faithful and industrious; willing to devote his whole time to the advancement of his pupils, doing his whole duty to the district and scholars. The scholars too, have done their duty by their orderly conduct and industrious habits, making it one of our best schools. In regard to the various exercises we noticed that a good degree of attention had been given to reading, a branch too much neglected in our schools; the rules of reading are seldom taught or enforced. One class in Algebra made good progress and seemed to understand what they had been doing; the other exercises which we heard were of like character. B.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Jane Foster of Keene. Although this was Miss Foster's first attempt at teaching, she seemed to comprehend the great responsibility that rests upon teachers, and labored for the best good of her pupils, industrious and faithful, and succeeded better than many more experienced teachers. B.

The Winter Term of this district was commenced by Mr. Charles H. Marshall of Bradford, who taught one week and left. The services of Miss S. E. Crain of Washington, were secured, who proved to be an excellent teacher. In the classes in Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography, the scholars were prompt and generally correct, which showed that they had been faithfully and correctly taught. Order and improvement good. B.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Sarah F. Shedd of Mont Vernon. This was Miss Shedd's first attempt at teaching, but her success might well be envied by older heads. Number of scholars 14, instances of tardiness 25, number of visits by parents 3, others 19. P.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Miss Sue S. Chandler of Hanover. We were highly pleased with the appearance of this school on examination. The order was good, and the various recitations evinced the fact that the scholars had been thoroughly and correctly taught. Number of scholars 16, instances of tardiness 28, number of visits 17. P.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Sarah A. Goodell. Length of school weeks; whole number of scholars ; average attendance

This is a difficult school to manage and cannot be done without the most rigid firmness and decision; two worthy qualities largely possessed by the teacher which she used with a good degree of judgment and discretion. The pupils seemed to cheerfully comply with all the teacher's requirements, and manifested a good deal of interest in their studies. The primary branches were practically taught, and the advancement made in these branches satisfactory. This school would improve much faster both in discipline and scholarship, if parents would visit it and show by *acts* rather than words that they have a common interest in its welfare.

The Winter Term is still in session under the management of Miss Susan M. Butler. The school appeared quite well at the beginning of the term. From the superior acquirements of the teacher, and her former good success in school teaching, we could see no reason why the school would not be a profitable one. The house is sadly out of repair. The "tooth of Time" from without, and the jack-knife within, are making "terrible slaughter," and unless there is something done, and that too, soon, the *thing* will shortly be dissected.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both Summer and Winter Terms were taught by Miss Susan M. Butler. Length of Summer school 8 weeks—of Winter school 8 weeks.—Whole number of different scholars during the year 12. Average attendance 8.

This little school was under the best of discipline and well managed through both terms. Industry and good order were prominent characteristics of the school. There was a commendable improvement in all the branches taught. "I'll try," and "perseverance" were the conspicuous mottoes placed upon the walls of the room, which were evidently the mottoes of the pupils for they *did* try and succeeded. The exercises in vocal music contributed much towards increasing the amount of good work that was *well* done here.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Mary S. Caswell. Length of school 10 weeks; whole number of different scholars 15; average attendance 13. The scholars manifested a ready willingness to obey all of the rules of the school. Reading and spelling were practically taught and good improvement was the result. There was fair progress made in Grammar and Geography. If the room was furnished with Outline Maps, they would materially assist the student in acquiring a knowledge of the latter science. If the teacher had manifested a little more *patience* and *firmness*, her influence would have been increased over some of her pupils. Perfect harmony should exist between teacher and pupil.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Hellen M. Burr. Length of school 9 1-2 weeks; whole number of different scholars 16; average attendance 15. This school fully sustains its reputation as one of the first rank for order promptness, punctuality and neatness. The teacher was kind and affable to her pupils; obedience was cheerful. She by her energy and

earnestness, awakened a deep interest among the pupils, and the improvement was most marked in all the studies. Composition received a good share of attention, and map drawing was practiced by most of the scholars, some specimens of which were exhibited which were both neatly and correctly executed.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Emma F. Cooledge. Length of school 10 weeks; whole number of different scholars 15; average attendance 13. The teacher in this school was calm and dignified, and made no attempt at outside show; but sought to reach the inner fountains of reason and judgment, and to instill into the minds of her pupils such ideas as would tend to qualify them for the duties of life. The examination at the close of the term gave unqualified evidence of thoroughness in all studies.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Miss Angie Carr. Length of school 9 weeks; whole number of different scholars 18; average attendance 17. Promptness and regularity were worthy features exhibited this term. Ten pupils were returned as not having been absent one half day, and in the column for "tardiness" nine of them showed a "clean record." The advancement made in the several sciences was rapid and complete. Eight pupils were returned as having made composition a study—a good number compared with former terms. We found here Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and a Terrestrial Globe—two important "helps" which the pupils duly appreciated.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

There was but one term of school in this district, taught by Miss Mary Ann Johnson of Bradford. Miss Johnson has been favorably spoken of in connection with the schools in this town in former reports. This school appeared well on examination; the questions were answered readily and the improvement made was satisfactory. Number of different scholars 28; instances of tardiness 91; number of visits by parents 6, others 26.1000 P.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Taught by Miss Mehitabel Kidder.—Length of Summer school 7 weeks—of Winter school 10 1 2 weeks; number of scholars of Summer school 20; average attendance 15. No. of scholars in Winter school 27; average attendance 19. The Summer school gave evidence of good discipline, and a fair amount of zeal was displayed by both teacher and pupils. The "little folks" did admirably. The Winter term was not as successful; the non-attendance was greater, tardiness and other irregularities were too freely indulged in, and the deportment of the scholars in the school-room was not every way acceptable. Some of the pupils did quite well and made fair progress "under the circumstances," while others were too ambitious to excel in whispering, listlessness and mischief-making generally, and succeeded but too well. If the teacher had administered "Solomon's medicine" with firmness and decision, we believe it would have operated as a beautiful *corrective*—there is nothing like the "rod" as a preventive from the contagiousness of idleness and mischief in the school-room.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Mary S. Dunbar of Hillsboro'.—Miss Dunbar was successful in her labors in this school. The appearance of the scholars was good on examination. Number of scholars 16; instances of tardiness 31; number of visits by parents 4 others 17.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Mr. Wm. A. Colby of Henniker. This is Mr. Colby's fourth term in this district. We must rank Mr. Colby as A No. 1. His method of illustrating, as also his clear and lucid method of analyzing is what a good many of our teachers do not possess. Give us more such teachers and we shall have more good schools than we now have. This is the second school this winter that we have to report not a single visit by one of the parents; this should not be so; it is the duty of the parents to visit the school at the commencement, and also at the close of the term. Let your children see that that you take an interest in their studies, and they will try all the harder to improve. Number of scholars 22; instances of tardiness 170; number of visits 8. P.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Clara J. Marcy of Hillsborough.—This was Miss Marcy's first School; but with a little more experience she will become a very successful teacher. The order was excellent and the improvement good. B.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Miss Emma F. Marcy of this town. As we have had occasion to speak of Miss Marcy in the summer term in another district, we need merely say here that her former reputation as a successful teacher has been well sustained. She seems to estimate the great importance of directing the minds of her pupils in the right course for accomplishing the great object in view the attainment of a useful education. She labors to put the "bent" in the right place that the tree may be rightly inclined. B.

DISTRICT NO. 15.

There was but one term of school in this district; it was taught by Mr. Henry J. McClintock of Hillsborough. This was Mr. McClintock's first attempt at teaching. Your Committee was absent at the close of the term, but from the appearance of the school at the commencement we have no doubt it was a profitable one to all interested. No. of scholars 14; instances of tardiness 22; number of visits 10. P.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Taught by Miss Ellen M. Roach of Hillsborough. This was Miss Roach's first school. It is a small school of small scholars, but the teacher labored hard and the progress made was good. Number of scholars, Summer Term 6; instances of tardiness 12; number of visits by parents 1; others 6. Winter Term—No. scholars 7; instances of tardiness 33; number of visits 8. P.

DISTRICT NO. 17.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Helen M. Martin. Length of school 9 weeks; whole number of scholars 25; average attendance 17. This was Martin's first school. With experience, she will become a superior teacher. Being quiet and cosy in her movements—amiable in disposition, she succeeded in imparting like qualities to her pupils, and

as a necessary consequence, their deportment was unexceptionable. The improvement in the several branches taught was very much interrupted on account of sickness. In her report she says, "At times half of my pupils were absent and their improvement was necessarily retarded."

* * As a whole the pupils have been obedient and respectful ; easy to govern and eager to learn."

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Mr. Harrison A. Johnson. Length of school 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars 28 ; average attendance 24. Here we found some very fine readers and spellers ; every letter and syllable of a word was clearly and distinctly enunciated, which gave character and expression to these exercises. Scholars thus taught cannot fail to become good readers. A commendable improvement was made in Grammar, Arithmetic and Geography. The teacher failed most in imparting information to smaller pupils ; too many new things were introduced at the same time. Pupils should be taught *one thing* at a time and dwell upon that till it becomes perfectly familiar, before passing to another.

DISTRICT NO. 18.

SUMMER TERM.—Taught by Miss Georgianna Howard of Hillsboro'. This school, at the commencement, bid fair to be a perfect failure ; but at the close we were happily disappointed. Miss Howard proved herself to be an excellent teacher. She had brought the school under a good state of discipline, and both teacher and pupil seemed to have a perfect understanding with each other—worked harmoniously together and a good improvement was the result.

B.

WINTER TERM.—Taught by Mr. Austin R. Crosby of Hillsborough. Mr. Crosby possesses many qualities requisite for a good teacher ; but owing to circumstances best known to the district, he did not meet with the success desirable. Had good order and punctuality been enforced the results would have been far better and more profitable to the pupils. Here permit me to say to parents and guardians that they should endeavor to stamp this idea into the minds of their children at home, that the school-room is, or should be, a place of order and industry, without which a school cannot prosper.

B.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

SUMMER AND WINTER TERMS.—Taught by Miss Helen B. Curtice.—Length of school, both terms, 14 weeks ; whole number of scholars 5 ; average attendance 4. We were not notified of commencement or close of either term, and consequently are not able to report progress.

Such is in brief a true report of the progress and condition of your schools. We have endeavored to render strict justice to all, without fear or favor.

Respectfully submitted.

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